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## **FLORIDA MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT TO FIREARMS CHARGE**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on November 27, 2007, Todd Douglas Johnson, a resident of June Beach, Florida, pleaded guilty in federal court to a charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Before United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess, Johnson, age 22, pleaded guilty to illegally possessing a Raven .25 caliber semi-automatic handgun. He is prohibited from possessing firearms because he is a convicted felon, having previously being convicted of a felony crime in the State of Florida.

In connection with the guilty plea, Special Assistant United States Attorney Erin White advised the court that law enforcement found the firearm on the defendant's person during the course of an investigation into suspicious activity outside of the First National Bank located on the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Muldoon.

Judge Burgess announced that sentencing will take place on February 22, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. The law provides for a maximum total sentence of 10 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed is based upon the seriousness of the offense and the criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Johnson continues to remain in custody pending sentencing.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, along with the U.S. Marshals, the Alaska State Troopers and the Anchorage Police Department, conducted the investigation leading to the conviction in this case. SAUSA White is one of two prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office who are funded by the Municipality of Anchorage for the purpose of prosecuting gang-related and violent crime cases.

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